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**Description Notes** Young thanks Noe for helping arrange the visit of 3 scientists and assures him that they were quite helpful. Young suggests four areas where projects of cooperation could be established. Attachments are missing.

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Senator Luigi Noe'  
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Dear Senator Noe'

I wish to extend to you my sincere appreciation for the support you provided in arranging for the visit to the United States of Drs. Fortunati and LaPorta, and Engineer Piepoli. Their visit was welcomed by scientists in New York, Missouri and Washington. Their presentations were excellent and their willingness to share the experiences of the Special Office of Seveso were most gratefully appreciated. In summary, please be assured that they proudly represented the Government of Lombardy and should be congratulated for a mission "well done".

As a result of the visit of Seveso Scientist, interest has been expressed in developing a cooperative program with you and your staff. I have suggested to Mr. Robert Schreiber, Director, Division of Environmental Quality, Missouri Department of Natural Resources (see attached letter) that there are at least four areas in which to establish "projects" of cooperation. These are:

1. The preparation of engineering design, special construction details and managerial plans for the construction and management of a large containment facility (Basin) for dioxin-contaminated material.
2. The joint funding and investigation of the biological uptake of TCDD into vegetable crops.
3. The joint funding of studies on the chemical/biological destruction of TCDD in soils in situ.
4. Exchange of analytical methods, protocols, and results of long-term studies on environmental contamination, toxicology, and impact of dioxin on human health.

I would also suggest that a cooperative effort may be possible with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on methods to destroy dioxin-contaminated soil. I will continue to discuss this issue with Dr. Donald Barnes and other Senior Scientists at EPA. In addition, Dr. John Gierty, Department of Public Health, State of New York has discussed with me his interest in evaluating the Cell Morphology Test for the analysis of TCDD in soil. I will explore some suggestions with you at a later date, once Dr. Fortunati receives the results of the samples he provided to Dr. Gierty.

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I believe we can conclude that a cooperative program is feasible and likely. I concurred with Dr. Fortunati that a visit to Seveso by Mr. Schreiber is the immediate objective. To this end, I will encourage Mr. Schreiber to contact you and arrange for a visit.

Again, I wish to express my thanks for the superb cooperation that we already share. I look forward to visiting with you in May 1984, if not before.

With Best Regards,

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